selectively fracturable parting region which, when fractured, allows at least a portion of the tamper evident cap to be separated and removed from the sealing cap; and

a closure retaining section coupled to the sealing cap and advanceable over the shoulder of the container upon the attachment of the sealing cap to the neck thereof;

the tamper evident closure being sized and configured relative to the container such that the movement of sealing cap away from the shoulder subsequent to the attachment of the sealing cap to the neck results in the engagement of the closure retaining section to the shoulder.

42.   (New).   The tamper evident closure of Claim 41 wherein the tamper evident cap is cooperatively engaged to the sealing cap via interengaging serrations which are formed on the tamper evident cap and the sealing cap.

43.   (New)   A tamper evident closure for a container having an externally threaded neck defining an open upper end and at least one annular shoulder extending about the neck in close proximity to the open upper end thereof, the tamper evident closure comprising:

an internally threaded sealing cap threadably engageable to the neck in a manner enclosing the open upper end thereof, the threadable engagement of the sealing cap to the neck being facilitated by the rotation of the sealing cap in a first direction;

a tamper evident cap cooperatively engaged to the sealing cap in a manner wherein the rotation of the sealing cap facilitates the rotation of the tamper evident cap, the tamper evident cap including a selectively fracturable parting region which, when fractured, allows at least a portion of the tamper evident cap to be separated and removed from the sealing cap; and

a closure retaining section coupled to the sealing cap and advanceable over the shoulder of the container upon the threadable engagement of the sealing cap to the neck thereof;

the tamper evident closure being sized and configured relative to the container such that the rotation of the sealing cap in a second direction opposite the first direction subsequent to the threadable engagement of the sealing cap to the neck results in the

engagement of the closure retaining section to the shoulder. /3

14/44.   (New)   The tamper evident closure of Claim 43 wherein the tamper evident cap is cooperatively engaged to the sealing cap via interengaging serrations which are formed on the tamper evident cap and the sealing cap.

45.   (New)   A tamper evident closure for a container having a neck defining an open upper end and at least one annular shoulder extending about the neck in a close proximity to the open upper end thereof, the tamper evident closure comprising:

a sealing cap attachable to the neck in a manner enclosing the open upper end thereof;

a tamper evident cap cooperatively engaged to the sealing cap, the tamper evident cap being configured in a manner wherein at least a portion thereof may be separated and removed from the sealing cap; and

a closure retaining section coupled to the sealing cap and advanceable over the shoulder of the container upon the attachment of the sealing cap to the neck thereof;

the tamper evident closure being sized and configured relative to the container such that the movement of the sealing cap away from the shoulder subsequent to the attachment of the sealing cap to the neck results in the engagement of the closure retaining section to the shoulder.

46.   (New)   The tamper evident closure of Claim 45 wherein the tamper evident cap is cooperatively engaged to the sealing cap via interengaging serrations which are formed on the tamper evident cap and the sealing cap.

47.   (New)   A tamper evident closure for a container having an externally threaded neck defining an open upper end and at least one annular shoulder extending about the neck in close proximity to the open upper end thereof, the tamper evident closure comprising:

an internally threaded sealing cap threadably engageable to the neck in a manner enclosing the open upper end thereof, the threadable engagement of the sealing cap to the neck being facilitated by the rotation of the sealing cap in a first direction;

a tamper evident cap cooperatively engaged to the sealing cap in a manner

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